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Your society is now 25 years old!
Thanks to our Founding Father,
Millard W. Hajek
for the special article
on the
History of MD TAMS.
What a GREAT society…

Now it's your turn, write an article for Your Journal…

Have a Great Summer!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next Meeting: Saturday, July 10, 2004
Baltimore Convention Center – 11AM Room TBA

ALSO:
September 11, 2004 (Swap Meet)
December 4, 2004

BANC Show
Sunday - October 10, 2004…
Cromwell Bridge Holiday Inn
9AM – 4PM
(We can always use Volunteers to help out)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I write this president's letter to the membership, we are coming off our second BANC Coin Show of 2004. It was another major success. We sold out the bourse floor and the attendance was very good. We had foot traffic steadily throughout the entire day. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who worked at the show, came to the show or helped in any way to promote it. As one of the Baltimore Area Numismatic Coalition (BANC) member organizations, the Maryland Token and Medal Society has a strong, vested interest in and directly benefits from BANC success. Thanks again to all who helped. If you did not, the third BANC Show for 2004 will be 10 October or as the Chinese call it "Double Ten" - - supposedly a day filled with good luck and an opportunity to celebrate.

I want to publicly congratulate our latest MD TAMS Life Member - - Bryce Doxzon. Bryce, a Past President and very active MD TAMS member has converted to Life Membership - - Thank you very much Bryce! Several American Numismatic Association (ANA) related items are on our radar screen. As part of the ANA convention in Baltimore in 2003, the host clubs produced medals to commemorate the event. There were some medals remaining. On behalf of the three hosts and the ANA, these medals were advertised and sold by Bob Ruby. These funds were split between the ANA and the three local clubs (MSNA, BCC and MD TAMS). The remaining medals are being divided between the three local organizations for use as each sees fit. MD TAMS will be offering these for sale to the membership shortly and we will be using some for door prizes, etc. As a reminder, the annual ANA convention this year is in Pittsburgh, PA. Bob Ruby, on behalf of MD TAMS, is organizing a bus trip to the ANA. The flyer has been in our Journal for several issues. Space is going fast. This is a great way to get to the convention for a day and leave the driving to a professional. See Bob soon to reserve your space. Those of us in Maryland and the surrounding environs have been very fortunate to have recent ANA conventions in Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and now Pittsburgh. Take advantage of this opportunity.

We have an outstanding Maryland Token and Medal Society Journal that comes out four times a year. Will Mumford puts in considerable time and effort to keep this a quality product and his success and dedication is laudable. Thanks so much Will. As you may have noticed in the last journal, we had three folks who carried the load with their articles: Russ Sears, Wally Stone and Mill Hajek. Gentlemen - - I thank you. Great job and outstanding articles and research too. We need your help. More folks need to do articles for the Journal. Start with a short article on one of your favorite Maryland pieces. If you have a token or medal from your area of the state, combine a little local history with a description of the item. Articles do not need to be long. For several years now we have not had any new authors to compete for the annual new author award. Please give it some thought.

Speaking of the Journal and awards, after considerable deliberation by the Literary Awards Committee (Jim Boswell, Bill Lenz, and Tom Kotche) here are the Literary Award results for 2003-2004. The competition was very interesting with a unanimous choice for Best Article and very stiff competition between three other super articles, each with different authors, for the Runner-Up award. Thanks much to the committee and all who wrote articles and especially to the two winners:

BEST ARTICLE: "Digging for the Chalmer's Mint" by Willard. R. Mumford (Vol. 24, No. 3, Whole #97 (Fall 2003)

RUNNER-UP ARTICLE: "Star Theater Token" by W. Wallace Stone (Vol. 24, No.3, Whole #97 (Fall 2003)

NEW AUTHOR AWARD: No qualifiers again this year!

We just celebrated the 60th Anniversary of D-Day (June 6th). On behalf of the Maryland Token and Medal Society, I want to thank all the World War II veterans whose sacrifice has helped ensure the freedoms we so often take for granted.

****** REMEMBER: SWAP MEET - SAT - 11 SEP - NOON TO 3PM - GRACE U.M. CHURCH *******

Edward L. Craig
President, MD TAMS

From Your Editor....

Will Mumford

Did you notice? This is the 100th issue of the Maryland TAMS Journal! That means we are now 25 years old. For this issue Millard W. Hajek has written a special history of our society and how appropriate! Millard is the Founding Father of MD TAMS and he served as our first president.

We've had so many good years. MD TAMS is successfully fulfilling its mission serving as an organization which rallies the interests of numismatists with special interests in tokens, medals and other forms of exonumia.

Vernon Taylor kicked off the first issue of the Journal and established the format for our Journal which has served its members well. The Journal still retains the format established by Vernon Taylor. After 14 issues Russ and Jane Sears took over the editing job and after another 16 issues, it was my turn. This is now my 69th issue as I start my 18th year as your editor.

It has been such an honor and privilege to carry on this task as you, the members, have done a fantastic job supporting your Journal with articles relating to the many facets of Maryland exonumia. My panicked pleas have not fallen on deaf ears and just as I think we won't make it...more articles appear in my mail.

Thank you members. It is you who make this Journal the great publication that it has proved itself to be through these past 25 years. Thank you and thank you...and keep those great articles coming.

Happy 25th Birthday to Maryland TAMS...

MARYLAND TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY. INC.
A Brief History by Millard W. Hajek

PROLOGUE

All organizations, at some period in time, need to pause and step back to see where they have been and look forward to mapping plans for their future. The **Maryland Token And Medal Society, Inc. (MD TAMS)** celebrated its very successful 25th anniversary in April, 2004 and as part of stepping back to look into our past as well as the future, it was decided to supplement our ***MD TAMS Journal*** with articles and catalogs with those exonumia collectibles considered not to be in the main stream of token collecting. This effort, through its members, has proven bountiful and provided an excellent reference source for these collectibles which are listed elsewhere. The "Brief History" that follows is by no means complete but only a snapshot of some highlights that have occurred over the past 25 years.

MISSION STATEMENT

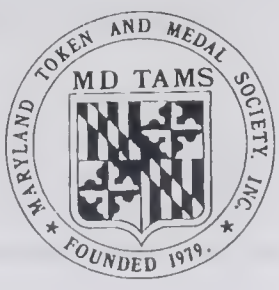
Our Constitution and By-Laws state: "The objectives of this Society shall be to operate as a non-profit organization for the purpose of educating, encouraging and promoting interest in the tokens and medals, and other related exonumia, especially of the State of Maryland; to research, document and disseminate this information, and to cultivate fellowship and camaraderie among collectors and researchers."

MD TAMS - A Brief History

In the Spring of 1979, spear-headed by founders A. Vernon Taylor and Millard W. Hajek, a group of token and medal collectors living in Maryland started corresponding and the idea of forming a club of like-minded collectors started to emerge. On April 22, 1979, a meeting was held in concert with the Maryland State Numismatic Association Convention and the **Maryland Token And Medal society, Inc.** (MD TAMS) was founded.

Like any new first class organization, the early years were quite busy establishing a good foundation for the new Society. Foremost, was the establishment of a Library and Exonumia Cabinet. From time to time books about exonumia have been purchased for the library but both the library and cabinet rely heavily upon donations by the membership.

A logo contest was held with the first annual meeting in April, 1980 set as the deadline for entries. The winner was selected in June with the membership selecting Millard Hajek's design as their choice in this hotly contested competition. Eleven logos were entered and voting was divide between the traditional heraldic theme and emblematic design featuring the state map. The contest winning logo was officially adopted as the Society's official emblem at the July 1980 meeting The logo is illustrated here.



Through the sole efforts of James H. Keller, chairman (now deceased) **MD TAMS** became incorporated July 24, 1981. Jim obtained an exemption from the Federal Income Tax division for the Maryland Token And Medal Society, Inc. as well as exemption from Maryland Sales Taxes.

From the very beginning, **MD TAMS** placed a strong emphasis on education and documentation of Maryland exonumia. Two of the first goals of the society were to publish a quarterly journal covering a wide range of items of interest to token and medal collectors and to publish a catalog of all known Maryland merchant tokens.

In the autumn of 1979, the first issue of the ***Maryland TAMS Journal*** was issued to each member. In addition to a number of articles on Maryland exonumia, each quarterly issue features free membership classified ads, a maverick column, membership news, society information and events. Many continuing series developed over the years on wooden nickels, elongated coins and pickers checks from Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The journal also became the communications vehicle of the society and each member in good standing receives four copies each year. The ***MD TAMS Journal*** issued for our annual meeting in July 2004 represents 100 consecutive issues of the Journal!

Articles on all phase of exonumia are welcomed for publication, not those just related to Maryland. In February 1980, the membership established the MD TAMS Literary Award and the Frank G. Duffield Award. The literary award was presented to a MD TAMS member for outstanding literary achievement in the area of Maryland exonumia. The Frank G. Duffield Award honored the Md Tams member who has made outstanding contributions to our Society and is considered the Society's highest award. The forerunner of a catalog in Maryland merchant tokens was written by Mr. Duffield and published in ANA's "The Numismatist" March, 1907. The Frank G. Duffield Award for outstanding service to MD TAMS was presented to David E. Schenkman in April 1987 for his work on our book, "Maryland Merchant Tokens."

The MD TAMS Literary Award was renamed the A. Vernon Taylor Literary Award in honor of Mr. Taylor, founding member who passed away in December 1985. Annually, **MD TAMS** presents the ***A. Vernon Taylor Memorial Literary Award*** to those articles judged worthy by a panel of judges. This award honors Vernon who was the first editor of the journal. In addition, a ***New Author Award*** was established to encourage members to try their hand at writing in the club's publication.

In 1986, **MD TAMS** realized its second goal when it published the ***Maryland Merchant Tokens*** book authored by David E. Schenkman. This 225 page, hard covered catalog lists over 1500 merchant tokens and has over 400 photographs.. The ***Token And Medal Society*** (TAMS) awarded this book its gold Sandra Rae Mishler **Cataloging** Award.

Individual members have supported documentation on exonumia which were published through other sources than **MD TAMS** and they include ***Bonnie Blink Corn Husking Pennies 1984-1999*** by A. Vernon Taylor; The Medallic Art of Baltimore Sculptors Hans Schuler & Hans C. Schuler- A reprint from ANA's The Numismatist by A. Vernon Taylor; J. F. W. Dorman: Token and Medal Manufacturer- ANA's The Numismatist April 1993 by David E. Schenkman; Canneries of the Eastern Shore Winter, Tidewater Publishers 1986 by R. Lee Burton Jr.; Strawberries, Peas & Beans-

Truck Farming in Anne Arundel County- Ann Arundell Historical Society 2000 by Willard R. Mumford and Pre-Civil War Baltimore Lotteries February 2004 by Russ Sears.

In 1994, **MD TAMS** published the monograph, ***Seafood and Cannery Tokens of Dorchester County, Maryland*** by Moses D. Moore. Continuing its goal of documenting and publishing Maryland exonumia, and issuing these catalogs as supplements to the ***Maryland Tams Journal,*** a current list follows.

Maryland Amusement Token Collectors Association (MATCA) March 2001 by Millard W. Hajek
Municipal Trade Tokens of Maryland February 1999 by Millard W. Hajek..
Maryland Encased Coins by Millard W. Hajek
Elongated Coins of Maryland by Joe Burford
Maryland Amusement Tokens March 2003 by Millard W. Hajek
Maryland Wooden Nickels-Part One by Joe Burford
Maryland wooden Nickels- Supplement to Part One by Joe Burford
Maryland Play Money by Jane Sears,
Maryland Food Stamp Change Tokens January 2002 by Edward L. Craig,
Maryland TAMS Journal 5-Year Index 1979-1984 by Millard W. Hajek
Arbutus Firemen's Bingo (plastic Tokens) by Millard W. Hajek
Walter Scott Sr. Wooden Nickel Collection of Cecil County Tricentennial by Joe Burford Pictures by Jackie Mc Craw, Jr.
Bonnie Blink corn Husking Pennies 1984-1999 by Karl E. Keller
The Numismatic Issues of Phil W. Greenslet and John M. Greenslet May 2002
112th Annual Convention of the American Numismatic association World's Fait of Money® Baltimore, Maryland July 30- August 3, 2003 MD TAMS & ANA Happenings by Edward L. Craig & Millard W. Hajek

Projects to be published in the near future include the Unlisted Maryland Tokens, Maryland Wooden Nickels-Part Two, and Indexes to the MD TAMS Journal.

In 2003, **MD TAMS** along with the Maryland State Numismatic Association and the Baltimore Coin Club hosted the American Numismatic Association 112th Annual Convention at the Baltimore Convention Center. This highly successful event was documented in "MD TAMS & ANA Happenings" by **MD TAMS** members Edward L. Craig and Millard W. Hajek.

Each year, during the Maryland State Numismatic Association Annual Convention, **MD TAMS** sponsors the ***Millard W. Hajek Award*** for the "Best Display of Tokens and Medals" exhibited at the convention in honor of the society's first president who is a prolific exhibitor.

MEETINGS

MD TAMS meets in conjunction with major coin shows held throughout the state of Maryland. Generally, one meeting during the year is held at a significant historical or educational site. All meetings usually feature an educational presentation, along with a show-and-tell segment and an auction. The annual meeting is held during the Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA)

convention. The annual meeting is a gala affair featuring a souvenir give-away, presentation of awards and the election of officers. **MD TAMS** holds an annual "Swap Meet"in the fall where members set-up a bourse in a casual and relaxed atmosphere to buy, sell or trade items and share in the fellowship and camaraderie of the hobby. This very popular get-to-together was first held in September 1991.

MEETING LOCATIONS

One of the goals of **MD TAMS** is to hold meetings at significant historical or educational sites throughout the state of Maryland in addition to those meetings held at major coin shows. These meetings have proven to be highly successful and well attended.

The Baltimore Museum of Industry, Baltimore, MD. - February 1985
Baltimore Public Works Museum, Baltimore, MD. - January 1986
Baltimore Streetcar museum, Baltimore, MD. - January 1987
Enoch Pratt Library main branch, Baltimore, MD. - January 1988
Calvert County Marine museum, Solomons, MD. - August 1988
Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, MD. - January 1989
The Calvert Room, The state House, Annapolis, MD. - January 1990
    With walking tour of numismatic Annapolis
    Home of John Chalmers
    Old Treasury Building
    Home of Jonas Green
Steiner House, Frederick, MD. - April 1990
Enoch Pratt Central Library, Baltimore, MD. - February 1991
    Edgar Allan Poe Room
Benson-Hammond House - January 1992
    Ann Arundell County Historical Society
Baltimore County Historical Society Museum, Cockeysville, MD. - January 1993
Caroline County Historical Society, Denton, MD. - August 1996
Maryland Dental Museum - Baltimore, MD. - May 1997
Shafer Memorial Park, Boonsboro, MD. - July 1997
    Boonsboro Museum of History
Dundalk and Patapsco Neck Historical Society, Dundalk, MD. - February 1998
Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum, Aberdeen, MD. - May 1999
North Point State Park (Bay Shore), Sparrows Point, MD. - August 2000
Shady Side Rural Heritage Society, Shady Side, MD. September 2001
    The Capt. Salem Avery House
Days Inn Pintail Room, Easton, MD. - May 2002
Carroll County Historical Society, Westminster, MD. - January 2003
Howard County Historical Society, Ellicott City, MD.

MD TAMS members has been quite active in a number of other numismatic organizations since its founding including but not limited to the following: Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA); Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association which is now merged with the Eastern States Numismatic Association (ESNA); The Elongated Collectors (TEC); Civil War Token Society (CWTS); Associated Collectors of Encased (ACE); American Play Money Society (APMS); the

Token And Medal Society (TAMS); The American Numismatic Association; The American Numismatic Society. MD TAMS holds club membership number C-126478 in the American Numismatic Association (ANA). In addition, MD TAMS members have had articles published in The Numismatist (ANA), TAMS Journal (TAMS), The Civil War Token Journal (CWTS), TEC News, American play Money Society-APMS Newsletter, Coin World and Numismatic News.

MEMBERSHIP

MD TAMS offers membership to those collectors interested in all aspects of exonumia. The collecting interests of its current membership roster is wide and varied including merchant tokens, canning tokens, assay medals, elongated coins, pickers checks, transportation tokens, inaugural medals, civil war tokens counter marks, hard times tokens, casino chips, dog tags, depression scrip, military tokens, encased coins and game play money.

As you can see, interests are not limited to items from Maryland only. Annual dues for the society is $7.50 with the year running from April 1st through March 31st. Members joining after October 1st only pay half the annual dues or $3.75.

Life membership rolls in **MD TAMS** have steadily increased over its lifetime. A total of 26 exonumia collectors have become Life Members including three members now deceased.

An Honorary Life Membership #1 (HLM #1) was presented to Melvin Fuld February 1979 for his tireless efforts in promoting tokens through his cataloging efforts of Civil War tokens and articles that were published in the TAMS Journal. Mr. Fuld quietly succumbed to illness in 1987.

Come join us and collect exonumia!

Maryland Token And Medal Society, Inc.
1979-2004
Current 25 Year-Members

Membership No.	Name
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C	George E. Chevallier
FC	George S. Cuhaj
C	Dr. George Fuld
C	Karl W. Gabsch
C	Phil W. Greenslet
C	Dorothy A. Hajek
FC	Millard W. Hajek
FC	Larry D. Howard
FC	William A. Lenz
JC	Greg D. Ruby
C	James C. Shipley
FC	Alfred X. Strati
C	Evan L. Votta
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FC-Founding Charter Member
C-Charter Member
JC-Junior Charter Member

MARYLAND TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY, INC.
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What about American Corner and Clara?

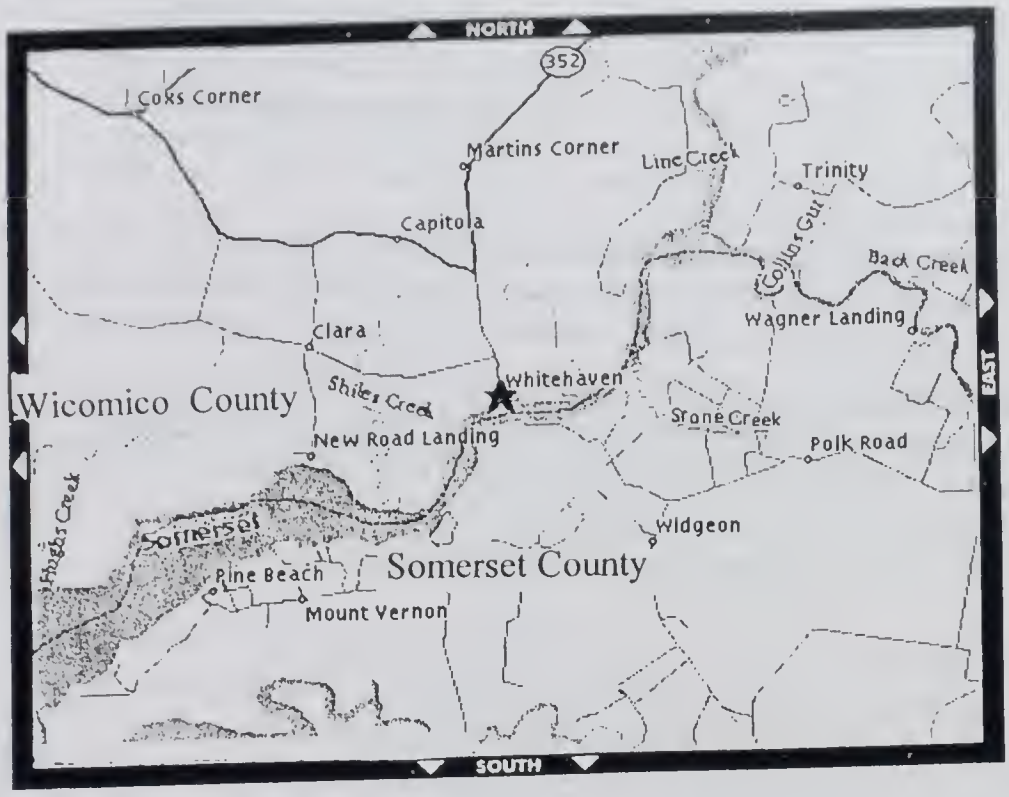
By. W. Wallace Stone. R-47

While looking up some information on several Eastern Shore of Maryland canning tokens I ran across some information I thought was worth passing on to others. The first was the token of W.L. Wheatley who operated a cannery in Caroline County at American Corner from 1920 until 1945. American Corner seemed like an odd name for a small town in rural Caroline county. Through the pages of Hamill Kenny's book "The placenames of Maryland, their origin and meaning." I was able to learn the following. "American Corners.....A village near Concord, Caroline County. The town is at a right angled crossroads. There is little doubt that the American of this name is a folk modification based on the family name Merrikin. Mr. Wilbert Merriken, of the Caroline County Historical Society, bears this name, and the 1963 telephone directory lists seven Merrikens in the vicinity of Denton and Federalsburg. The spelling of this family name is properly Merrikin, from Mary plus -kin."

The other token I was having trouble attributing was that of Henry W. Roberts of Clara, Wicomico County. A canner in business beginning in 1908. I could not locate the town of Clara, later we learned that the town no longer exists. It had been called Capitola, after the first name of the Postmistress of the town. Clara or Capitola was located a short distance from Whitehaven in Wicomico County on the Wicomico River. The Whitehaven ferry is still one of the free ferries that operate in Maryland. The river at Whitehaven is not very wide but is deep and the small ferry that runs across the river can carry about three cars per trip. There is a small family grave yard on the east side of Clara Road, about a quarter of a mile south of Capitola Road northwest of Whitehaven where the headstones of Robertson, Denson, Evans, Harris, Hewitt,Eva Blanch (Robertson) Messick and many members of the Robertson family may be seen.

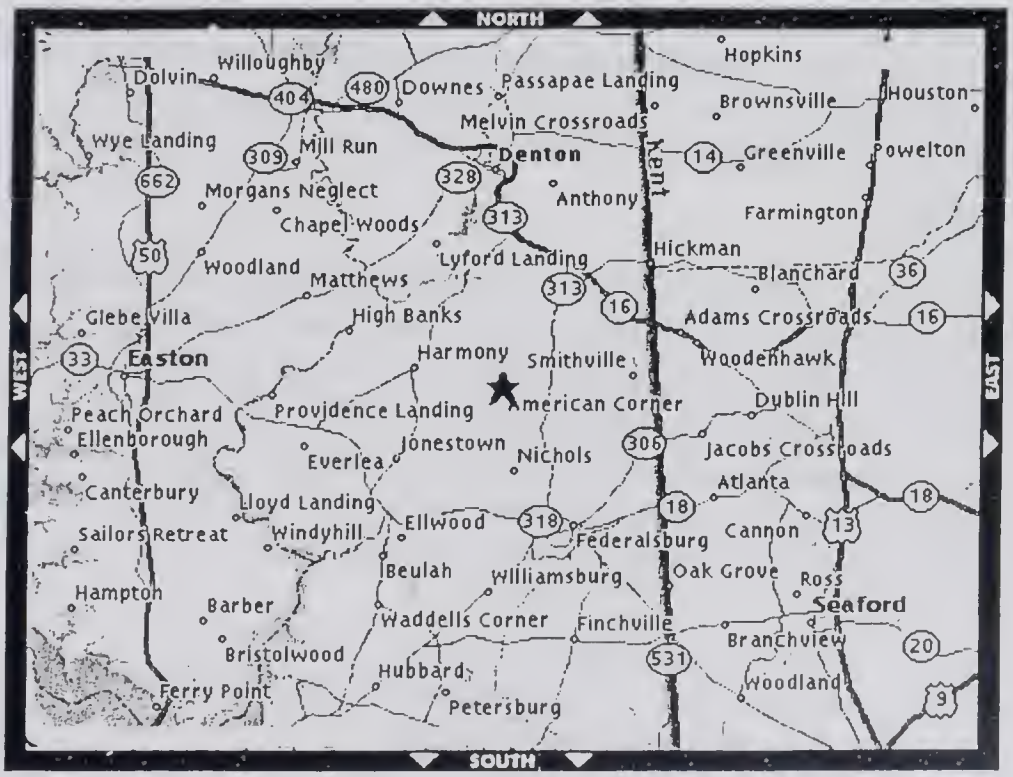
AMERICAN CORNER (Caroline County) 40

W. L. W.
1 / BUCKET
W5 aluminum, 20mm
W. L. Wheatley operated a cannery in American Corner; his office was located in Federalsburg.



Clara was located
North West about
2 miles from Whitehaven,
Wicmico County.

American Corner is
10 miles east of Easton
and 7 miles South of
Denton in Caroline County.



Roxbury Distilling Co. & the Star Insurance Co. Tokens

BY. W. Wallace Stone R-47

While re-arranging some of my tokens this past winter on a cold and dreary afternoon I came across two "flipper" tokens of very similar design. The first was the Roxbury Distilling Co. of Baltimore, Md . The other issue was the Star Insurance Co. also of Baltimore. What stood out was the similarity of both tokens, the obverse and reverse pictorial design seemed to be identical. One side depicting the head and shoulders (facing left) of a mule, stating "I win"while the other side showing the hind portion of the mule, relating "you lose" . The text on the tokens related to their fields of business, that of insurance and liquor.

Upon closer examination with the aid of a 5X loupe the manufacturer or die sinker's signature could be seen in tiny lettering in exergue. The Roxbury token was made by the S.D. Childs Co. of Chicago, Illinois while the Star Insurance Co. token was made by the Whitehead & Hoag Co. of Newark, New Jersey. Reference is made in David E. Schenkman's book "Maryland Merchant Tokens" , indicating that the Roxbury Distilling Company ceased doing business circa 1913. There are several minor differences, the two most obvious being the lack of a mane on the mules neck on the Star Life Insurance token and the hair at the end of the mules tail, the Roxbury token showing a more realistic rendition. Both tokens measure 32mm and are issued with a plain edge. The Roxbury token must have been made at least prior to 1913. The earliest date for the Roxbury Distilling Co. located in the Baltimore city directories was for the year 1894. This indicated a Mr. George T. Gambrill, as the proprietor.

George W. Miller was the founder and President of the Star Life Insurance Co. in 1921 at which time they were located at Franklin and Green Street in Baltimore . Several other family members were involved with the firm as vice President and Secretary. The last recorded listing was in 1927. This would indicate the Roxbury token was issued some eight to ten years prior to the founding of the insurance company. Whitehead & Hoag Co. might have copied the Childs dies and altered them sufficiently to avoid any threat of a law suit .

To add further spice to the story, Roxbury Distilling Co. also had a Whitehead & Hoag flipper issued with the donkey's head facing RIGHT, and slightly different wording on both the obverse and reverse.

While Carroll is generally known as an agricultural section, numerous industries are carried on and the output is over $2,000,000 in value, not counting two whiskey distilleries, one of small and the other of large capacity, and about fifty mills which make flour, cornmeal and feed; nor the product of saw mills, which turn out lumber and railroad ties in large quantities; nor canning establishments. The canning industry in Carroll is getting quite large, and this year a new one has been established and two that have been idle several years have been put in operation. The capital invested in plants is probably $225,000, and the output is about $275,000. The canning season is short and about 1,000 persons are employed in the busy season. About $145,000 are paid in salaries and wages.

• **Paradiso Italian Restaurant (City of Westminster)**
After decades of neglect, this well-known World War II era, Westminster landmark became the home to the Paradiso Restaurant in the Spring of 1998 after extensive repair and restoration to the building. Formerly the Sherwood Distillery and known locally as "The Glass House" this landmark building was a community eyesore. Located one block from Main Street, near the heart of Westminster's Priority Funding Area, the renovated structure is one of the City's most popular destinations. The owners help finance the renovation in part by using funds from the State's Neighborhood Development Loan Program. Additional assistance came from the Carroll County Small Business Development Center.

Project Team: City of Westminster, Office of Housing & Community Development; DHCD's Neighborhood business Development Program; Lou Battistone, Architect and Engineer

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Welcome visitor number 471

Joseph Clarence Staup Sr.

1878-1943

- 1. Was born on November 8, 1878 in Carroll County.
- 2. He is the son of Milton Edward Staup and Amanda Elizabeth Seigmund Staup.
- 3. His was married to Margaret Gertrude Etzler.
- 4. They had 9 children:
  - Dorothy
  - Evelyn
  - Genevieve
  - Helen
  - Irene
  - James Milton
  - John William
  - Marguerite
  - Joseph Clarence Jr.
- 5. They lived on Pennsylvania Ave in Westminster, Maryland.
- 6. Worked for Sherwood distillery a whiskey making plant in Westminster, Maryland.
- 7. Fell from a catwalk hitting the back of his head and died of a cerebral hemorage.

This leaves one to wonder why should an inexpensive "flipper" type token have to jump through so many hoops just to reach it's final destination. That of, you either "win" or "you lose".

Pre-Prohibition .

Roxbury Rye
Roxbury Distilling Co.
Baltimore, MD

The Roxbury token enlarged 10 %.

The Star Life Insurance flipper

ALBERT H. BLUM AND BLUM'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Millard W. Hajek

While reading the May 21, 2004 edition of The Sun, I noticed a Maryland obituary for Albert H. Blum, 94, president of the Blum Department Store in Baltimore.

Albert H. Blum, a Baltimore businessman who was president of the old Blum's Department Store and associated with numerous other commercial endeavors died of heart failure at his Pikesville home at the age of 94.

Mr. Blum was born in East Baltimore on Broadway. He was a 1926 graduate of City College, and left the Johns Hopkins University in his senior year to run the family business after his father became ill. His father, a Russian immigrant Samuel Blum, had established the Good Value Bargain House on Howard Street in 1908. During World War I, he moved the business to the 300 block of N. Gay Street and renamed it **Blum's Department Store.**

"As many as four generations of one family shopped at Blum's, which was particularly easy to find because it was directly across from Rice's Bakery and its wonderful fragrant raisin bread," said a son, Marc Paul Blum of Baltimore. During the Depression, the store remained open while extending liberal credit to customers.

"In addition to good value, Blum's was known for its Lucky 7 scarab charm, which it distributed to thousands of customers. On the back were hieroglyphics which have definitely proved lucky but await translation," Marc Blum said. "The store was known for its two slogans, "Blum's Tells the Truth,' and 'Store with a heart."

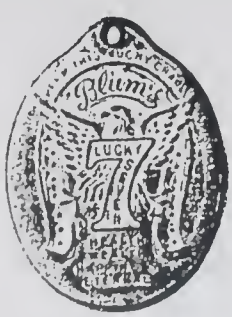
In 1956, Mr. Blum sold the shop to Reliable Stores of New York City, which later merged with Pollack's on Howard Street. Pollack-Blum's operated stores on Howard Street and Pulaski Highway.

In the late 1950's, Mr Blum and his brother, Irving Blum, established Blum's Inc., a company that financed accounts receivables for a number of manufacturers and a grocery store chain.

For more than 30 years, Mr Blum was an officer and director of Baltimore Trotting Raceway, which later became known as BTE Realty and acquired control of the Harford County Fair Association. he was also involved with development of Pulaski Industrial Park and Harford Mall. BTR was merged into Fair Lanes Properties in 1973. Until the late 1990s, Mr. Blum operated Cole's Colonial, a chain of four Washington-area Furniture stores.

Edward L. Dence listed the Blum's Lucky piece as a "store charge coin" in his 1987 addition of "Store Charge Coins" and in a later 1989 edition, "A Catalog of Mercantile Stores Charge Coins." A 1994 edition, A Visual Guide to Store Charge Coins" deleted this listing since it was determined that the lucky piece was not used as a charge coin. The lucky scarab charm exists in two sizes, 28mm X 30mm and 33mm X 43mm and is illustrated below.

Readers are referred to an excellent article by Russ Sears titled "The Blum's Charge Token Exposed" in the Winter 1991 issue of our MD TAMS Journal for more information about Blum's Department Store.



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